

Amendments to the Specification

At page 27, lines 28 to 34, please replace the three sub-paragraphs beginning with the words "(ix) pyrid-2-yl optionally substituted at the 5 position" with the following three amended sub-paragraphs:

(ix) 5-chloropyrid-2-yl~~pyrid-2-yl optionally substituted at the 5 position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R₁;~~

(x) pyrid-3-yl or 6-chloropyrid-3-yl~~pyrid-3-yl optionally substituted at the 6 position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R₁;~~

(xi) benzofur-2-yl, 5-chlorobenzofur-2-yl, 3-methylbenzofur-2-yl, 5-methylbenzofur-2-yl or 6-methoxybenzofur-2-yl~~benzofur-2-yl optionally substituted at the 3 position by amino, hydroxy, halo, alkyl, carboxy, cyano, amido, aminoalkyl, alkoxy or alkylthio and at the 5 or 6 position by halo, haloalkoxy, haloalkyl, cyano, nitro, amino, hydrazido, alkylthio, alkenyl, alkynyl or R₁;~~

At page 28, line 11, please replace the sub-paragraph beginning with the words "(i) phenyl, 2-aminophenyl, 3-aminophenyl," with the sub-paragraph:

(i) phenyl, 2-aminophenyl, 3-aminophenyl, ~~2-amino-3-fluorophenyl, 2-amino-4-fluorophenyl, 2-amino-4-chlorophenyl, 2-amino-3-bromophenyl, 2-amino-3-nitrophenyl, 2-amino-4-nitrophenyl, 3,4-dimethoxy-5-aminophenyl, 2-amino-4-methylphenyl, 2-amino-3-methylphenyl, 2-amino-3-methoxyphenyl, 3,4-diaminophenyl, 3,5-diaminophenyl, 3-amino-4-fluorophenyl,~~

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3-amino-4-chlorophenyl, 3-amino-4-bromophenyl, 3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl, 3-amino-4-carboxymethylphenyl, 3-amino-4-methylphenyl, 3-amino-4-methoxyphenyl, 2-fluorophenyl, 4-fluoro-3-cyanophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-hydroxyphenyl, ~~3-chloro-5-hydroxyphenyl~~, 4-chlorophenyl, 4-chloro-2-hydroxyphenyl, 4-chloro-3-hydroxyphenyl, 4-chloro-3-methylphenyl, 4-chloro-3-methoxyphenyl, 4-bromophenyl, 4-bromo-3-methylphenyl, 4-iodophenyl, 2-cyanophenyl, 3-cyanophenyl, 4-cyanophenyl, ~~3-cyano-5-aminophenyl~~, 2-hydroxyphenyl, 2-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxy-4-methylphenyl, 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl, 3,4-dihydroxyphenyl, 3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl, 4-difluoromethoxyphenyl, 4-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 4-methylthiophenyl, 4-methoxycarbonylphenyl, 4-acetoxyphenyl, 4-methanesulfonylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, ~~3-methyl-5-aminophenyl~~, 4-methylphenyl, 4-vinylphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl, 4-methoxy-3-chlorophenyl, 4-methoxy-3-methylphenyl, 3-methylaminophenyl, 4-methylaminophenyl, 4-ethylaminophenyl or 2-aminomethylphenyl;

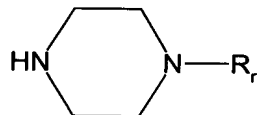
At page 34, line 4, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

The reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of a reducing agent, such as sodium cyanoborohydride~~cyanoborohydride~~. Convenient solvents include alcohols, such as methanol, optionally with a halogenated hydrocarbon as solvent, such as 1,2-dichloroethane, and acetic acid. The coupling is conveniently effected at a temperature in the range of from 0 to 100°C.

At page 35, line 12, please replace the paragraph beginning with the words "Compounds of formula (16) . . ." with the

following amended paragraph:

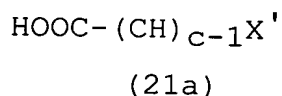
Compounds of formula (16) may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (14) with a compound of formula (17)



under amide bond forming conditions. The reaction is conveniently performed in the presence of diethyl cyanophosphonatediethylecyano-phosphate. Convenient solvents include amides, such as dimethylformamide. The temperature is conveniently in the range of from 0 to 100 °C.

At page 36, line 27 to page 37, line 6, please replace the paragraph beginning "Alternatively compounds of formula (20) . . ." with the following amended paragraph:

Alternatively, compounds of formula (20) may be prepared by reacting a compound of formula (18) with a compound of formula (21a)



in which X' is a halogen ~~hydrogen~~-atom, such as bromine, followed by reaction with a compound of formula (21b)



in the presence of a strong base, such as sodium hydride.

At page 133, line 29, please indent the paragraph.